

RECIPROCAL TRADE: FOX FURS AND SKINS

Exchange of notes at Washington March 18, 1947

Entered into force March 18, 1947

*Rendered inoperative from January 1, 1948, by agreement of October 30, 1947*¹

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International Acts Series 1638

The Acting Secretary of State to the Canadian Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON
March 18, 1947

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the supplementary trade agreement between the United States of America and Canada with respect to fox furs and skins signed December 13, 1940² and effective December 20, 1940, under which a quantitative restriction was imposed on imports of certain fox furs and skins into the United States and the rate of import duty was fixed at 35 percent *ad valorem*. That agreement was negotiated in the light of the emergency existing at that time with respect to marketing of silver or black fox furs and skins. Article VI thereof contains provisions looking toward the termination of the agreement in the event that the emergency conditions which had given rise to it should disappear.

Since in the opinion of the Government of the United States of America the emergency conditions referred to above no longer exist, it is considered desirable to terminate the agreement relating to fox-furs and skins in accordance with its terms. This note is, therefore, to record the understanding of our two Governments, reached during the recent conversations on the subject, that the agreement of December 13, 1940 relating to fox furs and skins shall be terminated in whole on May 1, 1947. Such termination will result in removing the quantitative limitations on imports into the United States of silver or black fox furs and skins and the parts thereof and articles made therefrom, and of certain silver or black foxes, and in restoring to 37½ percent *ad*

¹ TIAS 1702, *post*, p. 451.

² EAS 216, *ante*, p. 206.

valorem the import duty on silver or black fox furs or skins provided for in item 1519(c) of Schedule II of the trade agreement between the United States and Canada signed on November 17, 1938.³

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

DEAN ACHESON
Acting Secretary of State

His Excellency
HUME WRONG,
Ambassador of Canada.

The Canadian Ambassador to the Acting Secretary of State

CANADIAN EMBASSY
AMBASSADE DU CANADA

WASHINGTON, D.C.
March 18, 1947

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SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of today's date, and to confirm the understanding set forth therein regarding the agreement between our two Governments to terminate the supplementary Trade Agreement relating to fox furs and skins, signed December 13th, 1940.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

H. H. WRONG

The Honourable GEORGE C. MARSHALL,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

³ EAS 149, *ante*, p. 117.